

Successful Prescribed Fire On Lackey Fan Drastically Improves Wildlife Forage And Range Land Conditions

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The Bureau of Land Management Moab Field Office, in cooperation with grazing permittee, Lowry Redd, conducted a series of successful prescribed burns on Lackey Fan in the Spring and Fall of 2002.

Invasive species such as pinyon and juniper have taken over the area and are now in stressed condition due to drought and Ips beetles.



Lackey Fan is a large alluvial formation that currently serves as grazing land and winter

range for mule deer and elk. The Fan is located 5 miles northwest of the community of La Sal

on the southwest slopes of the La Sal Mountains.



With assistance from the Manti La Sal Forest, 15 igniters successfully burned 150 acres a day for a total of 1000 acres.

The area was previously chained in the 60's and was due for maintenance in order to improve wildlife forage and rangeland conditions.

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As of April 2004, grasses and forbs are coming back